

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested. Claims 1 through 74 are pending. In this Amendment, claims 17 through 70 are canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 3 through 16 and 72 through 74 are amended. No new matter is added.

Applicants have amended the claims to remove the multiple dependencies and to eliminate redundancies with the related applications.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding the present response, the Examiner is invited to contact Ajay A. Jagtiani at 703-591-2664, Ext. 2001.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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